

HUSBANDS GOOD BUT THE WIVES ARE IN FOR BLAME

One Lone Woman Among the
Applicants for Divorce
This Week.

Readings taken from the City's Matrimonial Barometer—the Supreme Court's Undeclared Divorce Mill—show conclusively that the old wheezes about hubby's career are about as common as a wife's side at home weeping her nose pink are a thing of history. After the readings had been carefully dissected by the judicial rockers, the official announcement was given out as:

"Husbands home-abiding and faithful. Wives sportive and suffragette." The Matrimonial Barometer, which functions once a week was set up according to schedule in Justice Cohalan's court. Of five divorce cases tried there, four were brought by aggrieved husbands. The one tearful woman plaintiff looked as lonesome as a lady sporting writer at a precinct. From the very outset Justice Cohalan took a firm position against possible collusion between the suing parties. Every witness who took the stand like Honor subjected to a grueling cross-examination, with the result that several witnesses who started to leave the stand with a blithe smile after an easy examination at the hands of the attorneys departed nervous and perspiring when Justice Cohalan was through. One suit the Justice dismissed on the ground that the complaining husband, Thomas Schuner, had failed to prove conclusively that his wife, Fannie, had been guilty of misconduct with one Friedman.

A brother testifying against his sister, and an aunt testifying against her niece, was the situation brought about in the divorce action of Raymond Smith, a young commercial traveler, against Mrs. Mary L. Smith.

Mrs. Mary Morley of Elizabeth, N. J., Mrs. Smith's aunt, told Justice Cohalan, as well as she could—for she was choked by sobs—that her niece had been seen altogether too frequently in the

company of Clifford Marsh, "that gay young blood of our town." "My niece, Mrs. Smith, and Cliff Marsh borrowed a little two-room house at No. 129 Union street," the aunt swore. "On Sept. 8 of last year Mary told me she was going to Coney Island for the Mardi Gras. Instead, I saw her go into the little house with Cliff." "On Oct. 31 she went into the house in the evening, where Cliff had already gone. She was dressed then in her usual clothes. An hour later she came out dressed in man's clothes and started to walk down Union street. I expostulated with her, and she seized me by my hair and started to drag me down the street, beating me. I would have been injured severely had not my nephew, Tom, Mary's brother, come along and rescued me."

Thomas Morley, blushing shamefacedly, followed his aunt on the stand and corroborated her story. "Yes, it was I who saved Auntie from Mary's beating," the young man declared. "I went up to the little house after Mary and Cliff had gone, and found the room strewn with cigarette butts and Mary's hairpins. Later I had a personal conflict with Cliff Marsh because of his attentions to Mary. I finally had to leave home because of sister's conduct."

"I will reserve decision on this and case," remarked Justice Cohalan.

Aldus L. Cousins, a prosperous ice-man, complained bitterly that his wife, Emma E., had turned as cold to him as his business. A friend of Cousins who had boarded at the Cousins home seven years ago told the Court that in September last he went to North Hartley, Quebec, where he found Mrs. Cousins living with a New York acquaintance, James Magoon, as "Mr. and Mrs. Magoon."

The story of a wealthy woman falling in love with her handsome nephew by marriage was the underlying theme upon which Michele Pittarelli, a rich wine importer, depended to win his divorce from Mrs. Clementina Pittarelli.

Michael Callo, Pittarelli's nephew, a dashing young Sicilian, was named as correspondent. Pittarelli's cousin, Severn Busel, inspector of poor for Onondaga County, was the principal witness.

"I got this story from Callo and Clementina themselves," the Onondaga County official swore. "Callo had been boarding with his uncle, Thomas, went along all right for several years, when Mrs. Pittarelli fell in love with the handsome young fellow. They eloped to Amsterdam, N. Y."

"When I met Callo in Amsterdam later I said to him: 'You're the fine face of a man.' And that fellow fell right back on what Adam said last Eve."

"It was all her fault, Cousin Severn," Callo vowed to me. "She led me on. I asked Clementina how she could have run away, leaving her three chil-

dren behind. 'I wanted to take them with me,' she said. 'I had already started to take little Mary, but at the last moment the little girl asked me where we were going. I wouldn't tell her, and she screwed back. She blaped that she thought she would stay and wait for papa.' 'Mr. and Mrs. Vail.'"

Mrs. Jennie Menkes, the lone, torn woman, asked Justice Cohalan for a divorce from Siegfried Menkes, a merchant, on the ground that Mr. Menkes had lived in a flat in Bank street with a woman, four of whose ping-pong pictures were exhibited to the Judge, as she would stay and wait for papa.

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